

Post-Deployment Health Surveillance Requirements (Ref. CJCS Memo dtd 04 Dec 98)

Post-deployment Requirements

- a. For post-deployment, the unified command, will provide guidance and support to:
 - (1) Conduct post-deployment health assessments using the form and processing guidance given in Enclosure E. of the CJCS Memo dtd 04 Dec 98 (and available on the EUCOM website at <http://www.eucom.mil/hq/ecmd/prevmed/index.htm>)
 - (2) Identify Service members in need of medical evaluation upon return to home/processing station based on review of medical treatment received in theater, the post-deployment health assessment form, and other pertinent health surveillance data.
 - (3) Conduct medical debrief to deployed Service members on all significant health events and exposures.
 - (4) Document environmental exposures in after action reports (AARs).
 - (5) Develop and forward health lessons learned to the Joint Uniform Lessons Learned System (JULLS).
- b. The Services and supporting CINCs are requested to accomplish the following at the home station or processing station of the redeploying Service member:
 - (1) Conduct tuberculosis screening within 1 year of redeployment or sooner IAW Service-specific requirements.
 - (2) Collect, when indicated by Service policy, a serum sample for HIV testing and storage in the serum repository.
 - (3) Conduct additional health assessments and/or health debriefs if indicated by health threat or events occurring in theater.

Background

Force Health Protection includes “protecting Service members from all health and environmental hazards associated with military service.”

Deployment health surveillance includes

- “identifying the population at risk (through, but no limited to pre- and post-deployment health assessments),
- recognizing and assessing hazardous exposures (medical, environmental, and occupational),
- employing specific countermeasures,
- and monitoring health outcomes (through weekly disease and non-battle injury reporting).”

Deployment is defined as

- “troop movement resulting from a JCS/unified command deployment order for 30 continuous days or greater to a land-based location outside the United States that does not have a permanent US military medical treatment facility (i.e. funded by the Defense Health Program).
- Routine shipboard operations that are not anticipated to involve field operations ashore for over 30 continuous days are exempt from the requirements for pre- and post-deployment health assessments.”

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